

especially this time of year. So come up there and stop in and see us.

Cindy will be leaving for the private sector. She will remain in this area, and we hope we see her around here occasionally.

So from the bottom of my heart, thank you to all of you. Congratulations. God bless you in your future endeavors and employment.

Mr. HOYER. Mr. Speaker, will the gentleman yield.

Mr. EHLERS. I yield to the gentleman from Maryland.

Mr. HOYER. Mr. Speaker, I appreciate the gentleman yielding.

I did not rise to defend the Washington metropolitan area as a place to live, notwithstanding his observations. But I did rise to say thank you on behalf of all of us, not on a partisan sense, although I am on this side of the aisle, and there are others on the other side of the aisle, but to, again, remind ourselves how critically important to the operations of the people's House are those who never rise and speak. They also serve who stand and record, the poet might have said.

To Anne and Cindy and Vicky, we appreciate very much what you have done. You have at times been asked to spend long, long, long hours. You have fought fatigue; and I am sure, although you do not have to admit this, fought boredom as well in the operations that you have been responsible for.

You make it possible for the American public, even if they cannot see us on C-SPAN, even if they cannot be in the gallery, even if years later they are trying to find out what happened on the floor of the House, their House, doing their business, you make it possible for them to find out. You do so with incredible accuracy and efficiency. We thank you for that, and we acknowledge how critically important you are to the operations of this House.

I am not surprised that one of you is going into the private sector. Maybe both of you are going into the private sector, I am not sure, our two reporters, or Anne returning to North Carolina to be closer to her family, because there are, in my opinion, no more talented, no more highly motivated, no more productive people that could be hired by the private sector than those who work on this Hill and certainly, all those who work at the desk and who record our debates.

It is a hallmark of American democracy that we want to be open to the public. We want to have a historic and accurate record of proceedings. You have enabled us to continue to do that.

We thank you. We wish you God-speed. We hope that you take with you very positive feelings about this House, that you know firsthand that, although there are fights and disagreements, and sometimes we are much smaller than we ought to be, that, at bottom, almost everybody, indeed everybody in this House, cares about their country and cares about their constituents. You have had the opportunity to see that

firsthand. As I tell the pages, I hope you will tell that story wide and far.

We thank you, and we wish you the best of everything in the days ahead. Thank you for yielding.

Mr. SKELTON. Mr. Speaker, will the gentleman yield?

Mr. EHLERS. I am happy to yield to the gentleman from Missouri.

Mr. SKELTON. Mr. Speaker, I, too, would like to add my best wishes to Anne Holcombe as she leaves and also say farewell to Cindy and Vicky for the work that they have done.

Regarding Anne, I was sitting here thinking of the old Irish tune that has the melody of "When Johnny Comes Marching Home." A phrase in there is "Johnny, we hardly got to know you." It just seems like you came last week, and time flies so fast, and we hardly got to know you.

You have done so well. You have been very friendly. You have been very particularly kind to me in making sure the podium is at the right height. Your professionalism, your competency is beyond match. So we thank you for your efforts, your hard work. We wish you the very best in your next chapter of life, and do not forget us. God bless.

Mr. EHLERS. Mr. Speaker, reclaiming my time, I want to thank all three of the speakers, the gentleman from California (Mr. DREIER), the gentleman from Maryland (Mr. HOYER), and the gentleman from Missouri (Mr. SKELTON) for their eloquent comments.

Frankly, they stole my speech, and there is not much I can add to it other than to say, on behalf of all of those who use this Chamber and rely on you as well as the broader American public who sees your work constantly on the screen of their computer or in the journal, the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD, I want to thank all of you for your hard service here. I wish you well. God bless you wherever you go.

#### ELECTION OF MEMBER TO COMMITTEE ON ARMED SERVICES AND COMMITTEE ON SCIENCE

Mr. FOLEY. Mr. Speaker, I offer a resolution (H. Res. 184), and I ask unanimous consent for its immediate consideration.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. LAHOOD). The Clerk will report the resolution.

The Clerk read as follows:

H. RES. 184

*Resolved*, That the following Member be and is hereby elected to the following standing committees of the House of Representatives:

Armed Services: Mr. Forbes.

Science: Mr. Forbes.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Florida?

There was no objection.

The resolution was agreed to.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

PERMISSION FOR COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY TO HAVE UNTIL MIDNIGHT, FRIDAY, JULY 6, 2001 TO FILE REPORTS ON H.R. 2215, 21ST CENTURY DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE APPROPRIATIONS AUTHORIZATION ACT, AND H.R. 2137, CRIMINAL LAW TECHNICAL AMENDMENTS ACT OF 2001

Mr. FOLEY. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on the Judiciary have until midnight on Friday, July 6 to file the reports to accompany H.R. 2215 and H.R. 2137.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Florida?

There was no objection.

#### AUTHORIZING THE SPEAKER, THE MAJORITY LEADER, AND THE MINORITY LEADER TO ACCEPT RESIGNATIONS AND MAKE APPOINTMENTS AUTHORIZED BY LAW OR THE HOUSE NOTWITHSTANDING ADJOURNMENT

Mr. FOLEY. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that, notwithstanding any adjournment of the House until Tuesday, July 10, 2001, the Speaker, Majority Leader, and Minority Leader be authorized to accept resignations and to make appointments authorized by law or by the House.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Florida?

There was no objection.

#### DISPENSING WITH CALENDAR WEDNESDAY BUSINESS ON WEDNESDAY, JULY 11, 2001

Mr. FOLEY. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that the business in order under the Calendar Wednesday rule be dispensed with on Wednesday, July 11, 2001.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Florida?

There was no objection.

#### REMOVAL OF NAME OF MEMBER AS COSPONSOR OF H.R. 1613

Mr. SIMMONS. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent to remove my name from H.R. 1613.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Connecticut?

There was no objection.

#### APPOINTMENT OF THE HONORABLE TOM DAVIS TO ACT AS SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE TO SIGN ENROLLED BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS THROUGH JULY 10, 2001

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Speaker:

WASHINGTON, DC,  
June 28, 2001.

I hereby appoint the Honorable TOM DAVIS to act as Speaker pro tempore to sign enrolled bills and joint resolutions through July 10, 2001.

J. DENNIS HASTERT,  
*Speaker of the House of Representatives.*

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Without objection, the appointment is agreed to.

There was no objection.

**REPORT ON EMERGENCY REGARDING PROLIFERATION OF WEAPONS OF MASS DESTRUCTION—MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES (H. DOC. NO. 107-93)**

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following message from the President of the United States; which was read and, together with the accompanying papers, without objection, referred to the Committee on International Relations and ordered to be printed:

*To the Congress of the United States:*

Enclosed is a report to the Congress on Executive Order 12938, as required by section 204 of the International Emergency Economic Powers Act (50 U.S.C. 1703(c)) and section 401(c) of the National Emergencies Act (50 U.S.C. 1641(c)).

GEORGE W. BUSH.  
THE WHITE HOUSE, June 28, 2001.

**PRESIDENT'S COMPREHENSIVE NATIONAL ENERGY POLICY—MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES**

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following message from the President of the United States; which was read and, together with the accompanying papers, without objection, referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, the Committee on Science, the Committee on Resources, the Committee on Ways and Means, the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, and the Committee on Education and the Workforce:

*To the Congress of the United States:*

One of the first actions I took when I became President in January was to create the National Energy Policy Development Group to examine America's energy needs and to develop a policy to put our Nation's energy future on sound footing.

I am hereby transmitting to the Congress proposals contained in the National Energy Policy report that require legislative action. In conjunction with executive actions that my Administration is already undertaking, these legislative initiatives will help address the underlying causes of the energy challenges that Americans face now and in the years to come. Energy has enormous implications for our economy, our environment, and our national security. We cannot let another

year go by without addressing these issues together in a comprehensive and balanced package.

These important legislative initiatives, combined with regulatory and administrative actions, comprise a comprehensive and forward-looking plan that utilizes 21st century technology to allow us to promote conservation and diversify our energy supply. These actions will increase the quality of life of Americans by providing reliable energy and protecting the environment.

Our policy will modernize and increase conservation by ensuring that energy is used as efficiently as possible. In addition, the National Energy Policy will modernize and expand our energy infrastructure, creating a new high-tech energy delivery network that increases the reliability of our energy supply. Further, it will diversify our energy supply by encouraging renewable and alternative sources of energy as well as the latest technologies to increase environmentally friendly exploration and production of domestic energy resources.

Importantly, our energy policy improves and accelerates environmental protection. By utilizing the latest in pollution control technologies to cut harmful emissions we can integrate our desire for a cleaner environment and a sufficient supply of energy for the future. We will also strengthen America's energy security. We will do so by reducing our dependence on foreign sources of oil, and by protecting low-income Americans from soaring energy prices and supply shortages through programs like the Low Income Housing Energy Assistance Program.

My Administration stands ready to work with the Congress to enact comprehensive energy legislation this year.

GEORGE W. BUSH.  
THE WHITE HOUSE, June 28, 2001.

**ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE**

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair will now entertain 1 minute requests.

**CONSERVATION IS CRITICAL PIECE OF PUZZLE**

(Mr. REHBERG asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. REHBERG. Mr. Speaker, while we all know we cannot conserve our way out of the energy crunch, conservation is a critical piece of the puzzle if we are going to solve this problem. In times like these, each and every American must do their part. This means turning out the lights when leaving a room, walking more often instead of driving, and investing in new technologies and alternative renewable energy sources.

While some in this Chamber merely talk about conservation, President

Bush is actually doing something about it.

Today, President Bush announced \$77 million in Federal conservation grants which will help accelerate the development of fuel cells in new technology for tomorrow's cars and buildings. These grants will play a critical role in lowering emissions and improving energy efficiency.

Mr. Speaker, instead of throwing rocks and using America's energy problems for political gain, President Bush is providing leadership and solutions.

**SPECIAL ORDERS**

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under the Speaker's announced policy of January 3, 2001, and under a previous order of the House, the following Members will be recognized for 5 minutes each.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Oregon (Mr. DEFAZIO) is recognized for 5 minutes.

(Mr. DEFAZIO addressed the House. His remarks will appear hereafter in the Extensions of Remarks.)

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from New York (Mr. MCHUGH) is recognized for 5 minutes.

(Mr. MCHUGH addressed the House. His remarks will appear hereafter in the Extensions of Remarks.)

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from the District of Columbia (Ms. NORTON) is recognized for 5 minutes.

(Ms. NORTON addressed the House. Her remarks will appear hereafter in the Extensions of Remarks.)

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from California (Mr. HERGER) is recognized for 5 minutes.

(Mr. HERGER addressed the House. His remarks will appear hereafter in the Extensions of Remarks.)

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from New Jersey (Mr. PALLONE) is recognized for 5 minutes.

(Mr. PALLONE addressed the House. His remarks will appear hereafter in the Extensions of Remarks.)

**HIGH COST OF PRESCRIPTION DRUGS**

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Minnesota (Mr. GUTKNECHT) is recognized for 5 minutes.

Mr. GUTKNECHT. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to talk about an issue that is of great concern to all Americans, but is of particular concern to the 53